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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the 23rd March 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at ten of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Non-payment of salaries

* 122 (*S.N.*) *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the teachers of the Modern High School, Kodambakkam, about the non-payment of salaries since June 1959 and their proposal to withdraw from work; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A report has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction. The Government will pass suitable orders on receipt of the report.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : The school has been in existence for the past ten years. One of the bases of recognition is that the institution should be financially stable. May I know why temporary recognition has been extended from year to year when salaries were not paid regularly to teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The trouble in the school is quarrel within the management and now the dispute is before a Court of Law. That is why it is not possible to take any positive steps. It is easy to withdraw recognition but children will be affected by that process.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : I am glad that recognition has not been withdrawn in the interest of children. May I know whether Government have under contemplation framing of any rule to see that salaries are paid to the teachers regularly by the managements and, if so, will the Government put that rule into effect?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why we have said that every school should have some endowment to serve as a reserve for the purpose of meeting such contingencies. The whole trouble here in quarrel within the management. The matter is before the Court now. But I hope to arrive at some conclusion as soon as I get the report.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : In the case of certain schools, when salaries are not paid to the teachers, Government have been kind enough to disburse the salaries to the teachers through the District Educational Officer. May I know why that has not been done in this case since the grant is with the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Here the question is, when the matter is before Court, whether we (Government) can disburse the salaries to teachers. That legal question is under examination. As soon as these difficulties are cleared, I hope to take positive action.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will take up the questions relating to the Hon. the Minister for Finance first.

Dr. U. V. Swaminatha Ayyar Library, Adyar

* 124 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any aid is given towards the maintenance of Mahamahopadyaya Dr. U. V. Swaminatha Ayyar Library, Adyar, and if so, what it is; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to publish the Tamil works in that Library?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir. A recurring grant of Rs. 5,200 per annum is paid towards the maintenance of the library. The grant is intended to cover the establishment charges and contingent expenditure.

(b) There is no proposal before Government for the publication of all the manuscripts in the Library. Individual manuscripts are being published by the authorities of the Library.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know who is in charge of this library and whether there is any representative of the Government on the Committee of Management?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is a Committee of Management for this library and Srimathi Rukmani Devi is Chairman of that Committee. I have not got the information here regarding Government representation on the Committee.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider having a representative of Government on the Committee of Management because Government give aid and also we are interested in improving the library, and arrange publication of rare manuscripts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question of representation of Government on the Committee of Management has to be looked at from other points of view. As a matter of fact, my own view is that the library is being run properly. Only when there are defects in the management, Government should participate in it. Therefore, I don't think the question arises just now.